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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 February 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 14, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>3/01/06</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 01 February 2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of applications 10/801,678, 10/801,699, 10/801,700, 10/801,701, 10/801,835, 10/801,862, 10/801,863, 10/801,865, 10/801,866 and 10/802,004 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 14-,16-17 and 2-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saeki et al (6,263,155) in view of Meada (Fig. 10) (6,072,759).

Regarding claims 14,20-21,23-25 and 27-28, Saeki discloses a method and apparatus for recording and reproducing data on and from an information storage medium (Fig. 15) configured to have data recorded thereon and data reproduced therefrom by an information recording/reproducing apparatus, said data including control information and video object data, the information storage medium comprising:

a data area configured to store the video object data (Fig. 3-4, column 5, line 65, column 6, column 7, lines 52 to column 8,line 7) , and
a plurality of error correction code blocks, wherein a predetermined number of sectors form each error correction code block, and each of said sectors has a predetermined size; and

a control information recording area configured to store said control information, the control information being configured to manage the video object data and including an AV file information table having a first table area configured to store object stream information, and a second table area configured to store AV file information configured to manage information of the video object data, the AV file information including a plurality of object information, each object information including information of object units of the video object data, and a plurality of object information search pointers associated with the plurality of object information (columns 10-11,17-18 , Figs. 7-12), wherein:

said video object data is configured to be recorded in at least one of the object units, an object corresponding to the video object data is allocated with or corresponds to one or more of the plurality of error correction code blocks (column 5, line 65 to column 6, line 18) , an error correction code block address being defined in units of the error correction code block corresponds to an integer multiple of said sectors,

Saeki further teaches that the data area is a rewritable area since the medium discloses by Saeki is a rewritable medium (DRAM) but Saeki fails to teach that using 030000h in hexadecimal notation as a start address of the data area stored with video and audio data. However , it is noted that using 03000h in Hexadecimal notation as a start address of the data in a data area is well known in the art as taught by Meada . Meada teaches a recording/ reproducing having a address information generating means for generating 030000h hexadecimal notation as a start address of a data area (figure 10).

It would have been obvious tone of ordinary skill in the art to modify Saeki with Maeda by using 03000h as a start address as an alternative to the start address notation of Saeki .

Further for claims 16 and 20, Saeki teaches means for reproducing the video object data and control data from the medium (column 19).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 01 February 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicant argues that Saeki and Gotoh does not teach using 030000h Hexadecimal notation as a start address of video and audio data . In response, it is noted that using 03000h hexadecimal notation for a start address of a data area is well known in the art as taught by Meada, the newly applied reference.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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